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REMARKS

The following document are discussed at the following pages of the specification:

<u>Document(s)</u>	<u>Page(s)</u>
JP-A 2000-76302	1
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English-language Abstracts for the Japanese documents were obtained from a commercial database and are also enclosed.

The following documents were cited in a International Search Report of the international application corresponding to the above-referenced national phase application:

- (1) US 2004/012693 A1;
- (2) US 2004/062525 A1;
- (3) US 2005/110878 A1; and
- (4) US 6,704,047 B1.

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